Ban on use of plastic blood bottles

3518. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that instead of using glass saline blood bottles many hospitals are using plastic bottles which cannot withstand the heat required for sterilization of these bottles; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to ban the use of plastic bottles in the hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) All over the world plastic blood bags are used in Boold Transfusion Services. These plastic bags are not heat sterilized but sterilized by irradiation. Use of glass saline blood bottles has been given up a long time ago.

IDA assistance for health system

3519. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance Government have received from International Development Association towards health system;

(b) whether the funds are earmarked for specific health projects;

(c) if so, the details of such projects;

(d) whether the above assistance is received as a term loan or grant; and

(e) the details of the terms of repayment if it is term loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The World Bank has provided assistance for the ongoing projects as indicated at Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The entire assistance is in the form of interest free credit received from IDA (World Bank). The credit shall be repaid to the World Bank within a period of 35 years including a grace period of 10 years. A commitment fee of 0.5% is chargeable on undrawn balances and a service charge of 0.75% on the principal amount of credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time.

Statement

Details of WB Assistance to the ongoing Projects

(US$ Million)

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Date of signing/ Closing	Amount of Assistance
1.	Malaria Control Programme 2964 IN	30.7.97/ 31.3.2003	164.8
2.	2nd National HIV, AIDS Control Project 3242-IN	14.9.99 31.7.2004	191.0
3.	National Tuberculosis Control Programme	14.3.95 30.6.2002	142.4
4.	Cataract Blindness Control Project	19.5.94 30.6.2001	117.8
5.	AP Ist Referral Health Systems, Project 2662-IN	22.12.94 31.3.2002	133.0
6.	Orissa State Health Systems Development Project	13.8.98 31.3.2004	76.4
7.	State Health Systems Development Project-II 2833-IN	18.4.96 31.3.2002	350.0
8.	Maharashtra Health Systems Development Project (IDA Cr. No. 3149-IN	14.1.99 31.3.2005	134.0
9.	U.P. Health Systems Development Project (IDAA Cr3338-IN)	19.5.00 31.12.2005	110.0
10.	National Leprosy Elimination Project-II	19.7.01 31.12.04	30.00

Increase in diabetic cases

3520. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some medical experts have expressed the fear that by the year 2025, India would rank first in diabetic global burden with about 60 million diabetic cases;